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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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The Secretary called me at 3:30 this afternoon from Geneva. He said that at today's meeting Gromyko presented Soviet proposals which were the same as those presented in Khrushchev's letter. As a result there was nothing to do but recess the Conference. There had been no time to consult Washington.

I told him that on receiving news of the recess I had talked with the President who was content with this action,

The Secretary told me that there would be a Plenary session tomorrow morning to formalize the recess, and that there would be no matters of substance discussed at this session.

The Secretary informed me that he would depart Geneva on Saturday afternoon, arriving in Washington about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. I told him that the Iresident would undoubtedly wish to see him at Gettysburg on Sunday.

The Secretary said that he would want to report to the Nation, and asked for our views as to whether this should be through a separate TV talk or by a National Press Club speech. I told him that we would send him some recommendations on this subject tonight.

The Secretary stated his view that there should be a Western Fowers Summit meeting. He thinks that such a meeting would be extremely valuable. I told him that the President's feeling in favor of such a meeting was stronger than was indicated in my telegram on the subject. The Secretary informed me that deGaulle will be in Madagascar from July 2 to 13, when the Geneva Conference resumes, and that therefore the Western Summit meeting would have to be prepared quickly. I said that I thought this could be one of the subjects for discussion with the President on Sunday.

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